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**Applications Available for the 2016 Commissioner's Cup BBQ Cook-off**

**COLUMBIA** – Barbeque grill masters and backyard enthusiasts are invited to compete for the State Championship Title at the 2016 Commissioner's Cup BBQ Cook-off and Festival, March 18-19, at the State Farmers Market in West Columbia.

The event is sanctioned by the Southern BBQ Network. The non-refundable entry fee is \$150 and includes all categories. The categories and prizes include:

“Boston Butts” winning trophies and cash awards of \$1900

First place - \$1000

Second place - \$600

Third place - \$300

“Pork Ribs” winning trophies and cash awards of \$1900

First place - \$1000

Second place - \$600

Third place - \$300

Cookers competing in Butts & Ribs are eligible to be awarded as

Grand Champion \$600

Reserve Champion \$300

“People's Choice” winning a trophy

Applications and entry fees are due March 4, 2016. For more information or to register as a cook team, visit [agriculture.sc.gov](http://agriculture.sc.gov) or contact Elizabeth Shuler at [eshuler@scda.sc.gov](mailto:eshuler@scda.sc.gov).

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